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IPC(7): A61K 31/395, 31/505; C07D 215/16, 239/95. and US Cl.: 514/266.21, 266.4, 232.8, 299; 544/116, 230, 231, 284 and 293.

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☒ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

I. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application
☒ claims Nos. 1-11, 17-25, 29-39 and 43-96

because:

- ☒ the said international application, or the said claim Nos. 49-96 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

Claims 49-50 are drawn to a pharmaceutical composition. Claims 51-96 are drawn to various methods of treatment or use. The search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compounds; therefore, the written opinion is only for the alleged effects of the compounds as well.

- ☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 1-11, 17-25, 29-39 and 43-48 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

Please See Continuation Sheet

- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

- ☒ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 1-11, 17-25, 29-39 and 43-96.

- ☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

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has not been furnished

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does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

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has not been furnished

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does not comply with the standard

- ☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

- ☐ See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>12-16, 26-28 and 40-42</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>12-16, 26-28 and 40-42</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>12-16, 26-28 and 40-42</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 12-16, 26-28 and 40-42 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over **Hackler et. al.** (US 5,034,393). On columns 1-2, Hackler et. al. disclose a generic formula (I) which encompasses compounds claimed herein; particularly, when the disclosed formula has the following substituents:

One or two of A, B, E or D are N, and the others are CR¹;
R¹ can be phenyl or substituted phenyl, which corresponds to the instant variable Ar;
X can be NR¹;
Y can be a bond or an alkylene chain;
Z can be a phenyl group of the formula (2).

Although no species with said substituents are taught, the clearly defined scope of formula (I) in US'393 would have provided sufficient motivation for one of the ordinary skill in the art to select and make the compounds recited herein. Therefore, at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to make the claimed compounds in view of the genus taught by Hackler et. al.

Claims 12-16, 26-28 and 40-42 also lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) for the reason stated above.

Claims 12-16, 26-28 and 40-42 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus they have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in the pharmaceutical industry.

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Supplemental Box
In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Section III. Non-establishment of opinion (description/claims/drawings unclear)

Claims 1, 17, and 32 are independent claims drawn to compounds of a bicyclic system substituted with a ring containing A_1-A_5 . Variables A_1-A_5 are defined in terms of N or CR_a . Variable R_a is defined in terms of hydrogen, R_b and "*groups that are taken together with an adjacent R_a to form a...ring.*" It is unclear what "*groups*" are taken together. Furthermore, R_a can also form a ring with R_3 , and thus, it is unclear if a tricyclic system is also intended for the fused ring containing A_1-A_5 . Because of the ambiguity in the definitions of R_a and A_1-A_5 , and the uncertainty in the number of rings, no meaningful search can be carried out for the compounds recited in claims 1, 17 and 32. Therefore, no meaningful opinion can be formed for these claims.

Claims 2-11, 18-25, 29-31, 33-39 and 43-48 depend on claim 1, or 17 and/or 32 for the definition of R_a , and the ring containing A_1-A_5 , and thus, the compounds recited in said claims cannot be searched or examined either.

Claims 52-61, 63, 65-67, 69-71, 73-79, 81, 83, 85 and 87 are improper multiple dependent claims.